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Town Officers

SELECTMEN

WALTER A. CROWELL GEORGE C. GOFFE
HERBERT C. LEACH

CLERK AND TREASURER

ISAAC N. CENTER

ROAD AGENTS

WALTER E. McQUESTEN WILLIE R. SHEPHERD

AUDITORS

ROY H. CAMPBELL WALTER E. McQUESTEN

TRUSTEES

JOHN A. WILSON FRANK F. CORNING
ISAAC N. CENTER

TAX COLLECTOR

JOHN A. REID

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for permanent improvement and maintenance of highways in addition to what is required by law and take action in regard to State aid.

4. To see what amount of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Public Library.

5. To hear the reports of officers and committeees regarding the Cutler Memorial Library, and take any action relating thereto.

6. To see what action the town will take in celebration of Memorial Day and make appropriation for the same.

7. To see if the town will vote to spray the trees along the highway or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see if the town will vote to utilize the brick school house in building a new school house or take any other action in regard to its disposition.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

WALTER A. CROWELL,
GEORGE C. GOFFE,
HERBERT C. LEACH,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

A true copy of Warrant attest:

WALTER A. CROWELL,
GEORGE C. GOFFE,
HERBERT C. LEACH,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY APRIL 1, 1919

Lands and Buildings,	$257,135.00	
Horses, 87,	13,525.00	
Cows, 248	19,890.00	
Neat Stock, 42,	2,530.00	
Sheep, 13,	190.00	
Hogs, 22,	405.00	
Automobiles, 15,	6,650.00	
Portable mills and wood saw mills,	1,400.00	
Wood and Lumber,	46,600.00	
Stock in Banks,	6,900.00	
Money on hand,	11,100.00	
Water power privilege,	15,000.00	
Mills and machinery,	7,600.00	
		$388,925.00

STATEMENT

Total taxable inventory,	$388,925.00
Rate per cent,	1.00
71 Polls,	213.00
Amount committed to collector,	4,102.25

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax	$2,068.00
County tax	729.51
Town highway,	569.33

State aid construction	568.50	
Trunk line construction	240.00	
Schools	1,753.23	
Library	70.00	
White Pine Blister	150.00	
		$6,148.57

BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1920

Assets

Cash in Treasury,	$3,798.14	
Uncollected taxes, 1919,	352.82	
Liberty Bonds	2,000.00	
Due from State Highway joint account	876.59	
Total Assets,		$7,027.55

Liabilities

State and Town highway money unexpended,	$1,685.38	
Dog licenses	53.00	
		$1,738.38
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		$5,289.17

TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall,	$1,500.00	
Town Hall, equipment,	50.00	
Library equipment	200.00	
Highway machinery,	150.00	
		$1,900.00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Taxes, 1918,	$137.96	
Taxes, 1919,	3,739.43	
Interest on taxes,	3.49	
From State Treasurer, taxes	1,896.73	
From State Treasurer, highway department,	384.34	
From County Treasurer,	6.00	
From interest on bonds and deposits,	289.15	
From dog licenses,	53.00	
From N. C. Griffin, lumber	5.00	
From motor vehicle permits,	13.39	
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	5,408.15	
		$11,936.64

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Salaries and expenses of Town officers,	$300.86	
Election expenses,	26.75	
Town Hall,	2.00	
Town Highways,	720.70	
State aid highways,	65.43	
Trunk line highways,	950.64	
School District,	2,913.57	
Library,	70.00	
State tax,	2,068.00	
County tax,	729.51	
State aid maintenance,	3.67	
County Poor,	6.00	
Unclassified,	28137	
Total Payments,		$8,138.50

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries

1st Selectman, Walter A. Crowell	$50.00	
2nd Selectman, George C. Goffe	35.00	
3rd Selectman, Herbert C. Leach	25.00	
Clerk, Isaac N. Center	20.00	
Treasurer, Isaac N. Center	20.00	
Collector, Charles W. Barnes, 1918	10.00	
Collector, John A. Reid, 1919	40.00	
Auditor, Roy H. Campbell	1.00	
Auditor, Walter E. McQuesten	1.00	
		$202.00

Expenses

Town Reports	$41.00
Trustees bond	24.00
Tax Collector's book	1.65
Town Clerk's supplies	1.75
N. H. Assessors' Association, dues	5.00
W. A. Crowell, expenses to N. H. Assessors' Association	1.00
H. C. Leach, expenses to N. H. Assessors' Association	2.00
Stationery and stamps	3.00
Warrants and inventory envelopes	1.00
G. C. Goffe, telephone	.85
John A. Reid, bills and postage	4.31
Safety deposit box	2.50
Constable's badge	.80
	$88.86

Abatement, E. A. Nichols	5.00	
Abatement, Heirs M. Bixby	5.00	
		$98.86

Election Expenses

Moderator, Walter E. McQuesten	3.00	
Supervisor, Charles W. Leach	6.00	
Supervisor, Elbert O. Putnam	4.00	
Supervisor, Willie R. Shepherd	4.00	
Check lists	9.75	
		$26.75

Town Hall

Paid Eveline McQuesten, cleaning		$2.00

Town Highways

Paid W. E. McQuesten, Agent	$552.90	
Paid W. R. Shepherd, Agent	167.80	
		$720.70

State Highway

Paid Amby Jones, teams	$12.25	
Paid A. Bilodeau, labor	6.00	
Paid E. P. Blodgett, labor	10.00	
Paid Fessenden & Lowell, lumber	30.20	
Paid J. B. Varick Co., wire fence, etc.,	6.98	
		$65.43

State Aid Maintenance

Paid E. P. Blodgett, cutting bush		$3.67

Unclassified

Memorial tablet, Wm. Highton Sons	$115.00	
White Pine Blister extermination, State Forester	150.00	
Flags for Memorial Day, N. C. Griffin	6.12	
Stone bound, Hudson, Henry Brown	8.75	
Repairs, Cemetery fence, John Goffe	1.50	
		$281.37

STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT

State appropriation 1919	$340.80	
Town appropriation 1919	568.50	
		$909.30

Balance from 1918

State Treasury	$560.13	
Town Treasury	933.55	
		$1,493.68
Total available 1919		$2,402.98

Expended 1918

State	$24.34	
Town	41.09	
		$65.43

Balance, January 31, 1920

Town Treasury	$1,460.96	
State Treasury	876.59	
		$2,337.55

STATEMENT OF TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Balance from 1918	$375.79	
Appropriated 1919	569.33	
		$945.12
Expended 1919		720.70
Balance available		$224.42

STATEMENT OF TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, Town	$240.00	
Appropriation, State	360.00	
		$600.00
Paid P. J. Connell,		
June 6, 1919	$400.00	
July 11, 1919	400.00	
August 12, 1919	150.64	
		$950.64
Amount paid by State	$360.00	
Amount paid by Town	590.64	
		$950.64

WALTER A. CROWELL,
GEORGE C. GOFFE,
HERBERT C. LEACH,
Selectmen.

Approved,

WALTER E. McQUESTEN,
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 31, 1919	$5,416.15
Received from Town Clerk, dog licenses	53.00
Received from interest on Liberty Bonds	83.95
Received from Manchester Safety Deposit & Trust Co., interest	147.45
Received from Manchester Savings Bank, interest	17.18
Received from Amoskeag Savings Bank, interest	40.57
Received from County of Hillsborough,	6.00
Received from State Treasurer, highway department	384.34
Received from State Treasurer, insurance tax	22.50
Received from State Treasurer, railroad tax	981.81
Received from State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax	892.42
Received from Town Clerk, motor vehicle permits	13.39
Received from N. C. Griffin, lumber	5.00
Received from J. A. Reid, taxes 1918	89.20
Received from W. A. Crowell, taxes 1918	48.76

Received from J. A. Reid, taxes 1919	3,739.43	
Received from J. A. Reid, interest	3.49	
Total receipts		$11,944.64
Paid Selectmen's orders		8,146.50
Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1920		$3,798.14

Road Agent's Report

WALTER E. McQUESTEN, ROAD AGENT

Cash received from Town		$552.90
Paid W. E. McQuesten, team	$155.82	
Paid N. W. Morgan, team	40.50	
Paid Wilfred Bilodeau, team	81.00	
Paid F. S. Bancroft, team	16.88	
Paid H. C. Leach, team	50.63	
Paid Fred McQuesten, team	64.13	
Paid C. H. Chase, labor	19.56	
Paid Jacob Schneider, labor	20.62	
Paid Pierre Bilodeau, labor	24.75	
Paid Francis Lund, labor	3.57	
Paid Zuel Martel, labor	37.54	
Paid Zuel Martel, gravel	36.40	
Paid Mrs. E. McQuesten, gravel	1.50	
		$552.90

Approved,

ROY H. CAMPBELL, Auditor.

WILLIE R. SHEPHERD, ROAD AGENT

Cash received from Town		$167.80
Paid T. B. Ambrose, 2 shovels	$3.50	
Paid John Goffe, labor	4.00	
Paid C. J. Sampson, labor	6.00	
Paid W. R. Shepherd, labor	47.25	
Paid F. L. Center, gravel	.30	

Paid H. C. Leach, team	75.00	
Paid R. H. Campbell, team	17.75	
Paid T. D. Ford, team	14.00	
		$167.80

Approved,

WALTER E. McQUESTEN,
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Library Report

The Trustees of the Public Library hereby submit their annual report:

The board of Trustees was organized at the beginning of the year by the choice of Amos Saunders as President and Treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. S. Campbell as Secretary, and Florence C. Center as Librarian.

The term of office of Maud Baker and Rev. Mr. Cleeves expire this spring.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS SAUNDERS,

For the Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TOWN LIBRARY

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Town Library hereby submits his annual report:

Cash in Treasury January 31, 1919	$42.25	
Received from Town	70.00	
		$112.25
Paid for books and supplies	$40.00	
Paid for Treasurer's record book	.75	
Paid salary of Librarian	26.00	
		$66.75
Cash on hand January 31, 1920		$45.50

AMOS SAUNDERS,
Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE

January 31, 1919—January 31, 1920

Arnim, Mary Annette, Beauchamp, Christopher and Columbus	F 2101
Ashford, Daisy, The Young Visitors	F 2122
Booth, Evangeline Cory, with Grace L. Lutz, The War Romance of the Salvation Army	H 2113
Bosher, Kate Langley, His Friend Miss McFarlane	F 2107
Bower, B M., The Thunder Bird	F 2093
Burnham, Clara Louise, Hearts' Haven	F 2100
Connor, Ralph, The Sky Pilot in No Man's Land	F 2112
Day, Holman, The Rider of the King Log	F 2120
Harrison, Henry Sydnor, Angela's Business	F 2116
Huard, Frances W., Lilies White and Red	F 2131
Huard, Frances W., With Those Who Wait	H 2098
Hueston, Ethel, Leave It to Doris	F 2123
Keyes, Frances P., The Old Grey Homestead	F 2095
King Basil, The City of Comrades	F 2110
Kipling, Rudyard, The Years Between	D 2115
Leacock, Stephen, The Hohenzollerns in America	F 2104
Leathen, Rev. W. H., The Comrade in White	N 2108
Lippmann, Julie M., Flexible Ferdinand	F 2094
Mearns, Hughes, The Vinegar Saint	F 2097
Nicholson, Meredith, Lady Larkspur	F 2111
Perkins, Lucy Fitch, Cornelia	J 2105
Peterson, Maud H., The Potter and the Clay	F 2117
Porter, Eleanor H., Dawn	F 2092
Richmond, Grace S., Red Pepper Burns	F 2103
Richmond, Grace S., Mrs. Red Pepper	F 2106
Rinehart, Mary R., Dangerous Days	F 2099

Sibley, Frank P., With the Y. D. in France	H 2102
Simpson, John T., Hidden Treasure	F 2109
Tarkington, Booth, Ramsey Milholland	F 2119
Thy Son Liveth, Messages from a Soldier to his Mother	N 2114
Wiggin, Kate Douglas, Ladies-in-Waiting	F 2118
Wright, Harold Bell, The Re-Creation of Brian Kent	F 2121
New Hampshire Insurance Report	2124
Memorial Addresses of the Life and Character of Cyrus A. Sulloway	2125
Laws of the State of New Hampshire, 1919	2126
Journals, N. H. Senate and House, January Session, 1919	2127
N. H. Attorney General's Report, 1917-1918	2128
New Hampshire State Library, 1917-1918	2129
Air Service, Medical Manual	2130

DONATIONS

The Century,	Ladies' Social Circle
Popular Mechanics	F. L. Center
Two volumes	Mrs. Walter Bishop

RESOURCES

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	2091
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	31
Number of bound volumes added by gift	2
Federal and State documents added	7
Total number of volumes owned at end of year	2131

SERVICE

Number of volumes loaned	812
Number of volumes unbound magazines loaned	48
Total circulation for current year	860
Number of new borrowers added during year	10
Total number of active borrowers during year	44
Distributing agencies located at dwellings at a distance from the library	2

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Librarian.

School Superintendent's Report

To the School Board of Litchfield,
Greeting:

Though the school year does not end until August 31, I am respectfully submitting to you at this time and through you to the people of your community some suggestions in regard to your school.

In the administration of our public schools, the electors of the district as voters, you as board members, and myself as a superintendent, are working under an entirely different statute than in past years. The act of our last Legislature, entitled "An Act in Amendment of the Laws Relating to Public Schools and Establishing a State Board of Education", virtually established a state system of schools, in the local administration of which it is the privilege and duty of the three above mentioned parties to participate. As I understand the law, its object was threefold, viz., to unify and standardize the schools of the state, to Americanize the alien born citizen, and to equalize within certain limits the financial burden of the public school system.

This statute requires that there be maintained standard elementary schools for thirty-six weeks each year in suitable and sanitary buildings equipped with approved furniture, books, maps, and other necessary appliances, taught by an approved teacher, directed and supervised by an approved superintendent, and with suitable provisions for the care of the health and physical welfare of all the pupils.

During the summer the state board caused to be sent out to the various districts regulations governing the temporary approval of schoolhouses. Regulations have also been adopted and distributed for the proper care of the health and physical welfare of the pupils, and minimum requirements for the work of the lowest three grades. Certain standards have been fixed for the certification of our teachers and superintendents. The work of Americanization has up to the present time been left mainly to the disposition and honesty of the various school districts to carry out the spirit of the law. The state board is now laboring with an inadequate appropriation to equalize the financial burden of maintaining the public school system.

So much for the activities of the state board in carrying out the provisions of the statute, but what is of more concern to us, how do we propose to fulfill the trust imposed upon us by this law which is receiving so much favorable comment.

The citizen who so regulates his conduct as to conform to his legal obligations to the point only that will avoid any legal penalty, is not regarded by us as an exemplary citizen. No more should that school district be considered exemplary, which meets only the requirements of the act and the regulations of the state board. Indeed, the school district which will meet only the minimum standards set up by the state board in the schools in which are educated its own offspring, cannot but blush for its lack of public spirit. I feel that there are but few school districts which, knowing the facts of the case, would be placed voluntarily in this class, surely not the school district of Litchfield with its abundant appropriation and its reputation for public spirit.

In the housing of our school children the statute makes

the general demand that the buildings shall be "suitable and sanitary" and the state board in the exercise of its legal functions has made this demand specific. In a recent survey of the schoolhouse now in use, which survey and report were required by the state board, I found that the building met the minimum requirements for temporary approval with one exception. The window space was but 16 per cent of the floor area instead of the required 20 per cent. I did not feel that it was advisable to further remodel this building in view of the fact that a new building is contemplated. Otherwise it would be necessary to quite completely remodel the old structure to meet the future demands of the state which will be progressive, approaching conditions nearly ideal in a few years.

The present number of pupils in your school is 23. This is enough and not too many for a mixed school, and the one room mixed school can be and often is made the ideal school. There are teachers who can successfully handle such a school with 30 to 36 pupils. However, the advent in our town of a few families from French, Polish, or Greek origin might double your school attendance. This would make advisable a division which would be made by a grade classification and would require two main rooms. Thus it would seem that the first point for you to decide in your contemplated new school building is whether you will put up a one room school, a two room school, or a one room school so constructed that it can be added to so as to make two main rooms. Possibly a compromise in the shape of a schoolhouse with one main or assembly room and a smaller room for an assistant teacher, who would take care of the overflow, might be preferable to any of the above mentioned alternatives. Whichever of these you may adopt, the building should be planned to accommodate school ac-

tivities in domestic arts, mid-day lunches, and manual training. Nothing but ideal lighting, heating and ventilating should be tolerated in a new building. Heated ventilated wardrobes should be included in the plans, and the most improved chemical toilets should be an integral part of the structure. A basement playroom can be used but is not essential. Outdoor play supervised by the teacher should be the rule regardless of the registration of the thermometer, provided it does not rain or snow.

In conformity with the statute, "with suitable provision for the care of the health and physical welfare of all the pupils," and agreeable to the regulations of the state board, your board was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Maude Priske of Hudson as school nurse. She comes to you with a thorough training, broad experience, and a natural aptitude for the work. The report of her physical examination of the school shows: Number of pupils examined 22, teachers 1, number suffering from defective teeth 17, hypertrophied tonsils 6, defective vision 2, and cards were sent to 22 parents. This is a very bad showing. The teeth of these 17 children should be filled, the tonsils should be removed from the six children suffering from an enlargement of that gland, and the two suffering from defective vision should have their eyes corrected with lenses. This school showed a larger number of remedial defects per pupil than any other school in this union. It is hoped that a careful follow-up will result in great good to the children.

With many thanks for the generous co-operation of the board, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS DE WITT RECORD,

Superintendent of Schools, Union No. 27.

January 27, 1920.

Report of the School Board

Teacher—M. E. McQuesten

Number of weeks	35
Wages per month,	
First term	$56
Second and third terms	$60
Number of pupils registered during year	39
Per cent of attendance	83.48
Number of visitors	51
Number of visits of School Board	15

Roll of Perfect Attendance

One term—Nelson Collier.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA CAMPBELL,
REBECCA G. BLODGETT,
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
School Board of Litchfield.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the year ending August 31, 1919

Receipts

Received of Town Treasurer	$1,690.34	
Received from sale of car tickets	112.50	
Received from rent of No. 3 schoolhouse	10.00	
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1918	229.72	
		$2,042.56

Expenditures

Paid M. E. McQuesten, teaching	$493.00
Paid R. B. Blodgett, teaching	21.00
Paid for car tickets	330.00
Paid for janitor service	29.25
Paid for fuel	55.00
Paid for books	5.15
Paid for supplies	37.06
Paid for repairs	18.12
Paid for truant officer and numeration	7.00
Paid for officers' salaries and expenses	30.92
Paid for replacement of equipment	10.70
Paid for building supplies	109.86
Paid for tuition, Nashua High School	55.00
Paid for tuition, McGaw Normal Institute	45.00

Paid for unclassified expenditures	14.50	
Total payments	$1,261.56	
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1919	781.00	
		$2,042.56

AMOS SAUNDERS,
Treasurer.

Approved,

WALTER E McQUESTEN,
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Report of Town Trustees

January 31, 1920

CHARLES BANCROFT BRIDGE FUND

Cash in Amoskeag Savings Bank, January 31, 1919	$10,175.72	
Income during year	407.00	
Balance in bank		$10,582.72
Cash in Manchester Savings Bank, January 31, 1919	$2,007.04	
Income during year	86.25	
Balance in bank		$2,093.29
Interest on Certificate, Manchester Safety Trust and Deposit Co., to May 8, 1919	$158.15	
Withdrawn from Manchester Safety Trust and Deposit Co., May 8, 1919	$6,662.27	
Interest on same	158.15	
Manchester Savings Bank	179.58	
Invested U S. Victory Bonds	$7,000.00	
Interest	189.98	
		$7,189.98
Total Bridge Fund		$19,865.99

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

Cash in Amoskeag Savings Bank, January 31, 1919	$607.36	
Income during the year	24.28	
Total Library Fund	———	$607.36

Respectfully submitted

ISAAC N. CENTER,
JOHN A. WILSON,
F. F. CORNING
Trustees.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing reports and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

WALTER E McQUESTEN
ROY H. CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1919

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Y M D	Place of Birth	Sex	Single Mar. Wid.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 16	Litchfield	Ellen Spencer Morgan	34 3 21	Canterbury, N. H.	....	.....	Housework	Granville W. Morgan	Ella Jane Bryant

I certify that the above is a true copy of records of births, marriages and deaths reported to the Town Clerk of Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919.

ISAAC N. CENTER, *Town Clerk.*

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